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Ms. Bridget Bean Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs Federal Emergency Management Agency 400 C Street S.W. 3N Washington, D.C. 20472-3635

Dear Ms. Bean:

I am writing to express my support of Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System's Assistance to Firefighters Grant - COVID-19 Supplemental (application identifier: EMW-2020-FG-00434) for equipment and supplies to aid the department in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System provides emergency services to those living in Loudoun County and the seven towns within the county. Their combined professional and volunteer force provides service seven days a week, 24 hours a day, responding to thousands of calls annually throughout the area. Like departments across the nation, Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System has been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitizing equipment to safely serve the community.

If granted, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant - COVID-19 Supplemental would allow Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System to purchase individual PPE kits, Half Facepiece Respirators, and Aerosolizing Decontamination Systems for approximately 1,500 firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

Supporting first responders is a priority for me. I ask that you give full and fair consideration to this worthy application. Should you have any further questions regarding this grant application, please contact Amelia Faraco-Hadlock of my staff at (202) 225-5136.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wexton Member of Congress

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¹ https://www.loudoun.gov/4339/About-the-System